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Application by Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (the Applicant) for a Development Consent Order for Botley West Solar Farm

Notification of Intention to Submit a Request to Change the Application (Change Request 2)

Dear Mr Raywood,

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) that the Applicant will be making a request to change the above application (the Change Application). In summary, these changes are:

1. Reduction in Order Limits boundary to reduce the solar installation area south-west of Bladon, and removal of solar arrays on land south-east of Bladon and north of Heath Lane;
2. Reduction in Order Limits boundary to reduce the solar installation area near to Oxford airport;
3. Refinement of Project layout and design to reposition the main Project substation as shown on Sheet 13b of the Works Plans [**AS-005**];
4. Refinement of Project layout and design to reduce solar installation on land east of Lower Road;
5. Refinement of Project layout and design to remove installation areas overlapping with Flood Zones 2 and 3;
6. Refinement of Project layout and design to include an additional installation area within Southern Site;
7. Reduction in Order Limits boundary to remove small parcels of land owned by Oxfordshire County Council (Estates);
8. Refinement of Project layout and design to reposition the Public Rights of Way currently proposed to be stopped up and diverted back to definitive alignment;



9. Reduction in Order Limits boundary to remove an area of land along Wharf Road;
10. Clarification of the role of the community educational facility; and
11. Refinement of Project layout and design to secure the latest design parameters for the new National Grid substation.

The changes are explained in more detail below.

Introduction

Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP), on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (the “Applicant”), submitted its application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Botley West Solar Project (the “Project”) on 15 November 2024 (the “DCO Application”). The DCO Application was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 13 December 2024.

Following the submission and acceptance of the DCO Application, the Applicant has continued to engage with affected landowners and key stakeholders. The changes proposed through the Change Application are predominantly as a result of proactive engagement by the Applicant with these Interested Parties in order to, amongst other things, alleviate any concerns in relation to potential environmental impacts and reduce land take where suitable alternative proposals are available. These changes demonstrate the continued application of the mitigation hierarchy by the Applicant in accordance with NPS EN-1, (e.g. at paragraph 4.1.15).

The Applicant has also used this as an opportunity to further refine some minor extents of land falling within the Order Limits that, upon further design refinement in relation to the proposed layout of the Project, are no longer considered necessary. The Applicant is also proposing other scheme refinements that have become available as a result of the other refinements which are being sought in response to stakeholder feedback. These refinements will be included in full as part of the Change Application.

In considering the scale and nature of the Change Application, the Applicant has had regard to ‘Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination’ (2024) (the “Guidance”), published by the Planning Inspectorate. The Applicant informally notified the Planning Inspectorate via email on 27th June 2025 that a change application was to be made. This letter formally notifies the ExA that the Applicant is preparing a Change Application and provides an outline of the scope and nature of the proposed changes to inform the ExA’s decision on procedural implications of the Change Application and the need, scale and nature of any consultation to be carried out in respect of the proposed changes

A description of the proposed changes is set out below with reference to plot numbers as referred to in the submitted Book of Reference [REP1-010] and work numbers from the Work Plans [AS-005] (as relevant).

Description of proposed changes

Change 1: Reduction in Order Limits boundary to reduce the solar installation area south-west of Bladon and removal of solar arrays on land south-east of Bladon and north of Heath Lane (see Appendix A attached to the Notification)

This proposed change relates to two areas of land near Bladon, including:

- 1) To the south-west of Bladon it is proposed to reduce the Order Limits by approximately 31ha, involving the removal of a solar installation area of approximately 25ha, along

with associated maintenance roads, fences and gates. The 275Kv cable corridor route option remains along the southern edge of this location. The remaining land is to be removed from the Order Limits and will continue in agricultural use by the landowner; and

- 2) To the south-east of the main settlement at Bladon, east of Grove Road and north of Heath Lane, the Applicant proposes the removal of a further solar installation area of approximately 17.6ha, along with associated maintenance roads, fences and gates. The Order Limits is not proposed to be amended in this area and the land will be retained within the Order Limits. Whilst the solar array and associated infrastructure is proposed to be removed, the resultant freed up area of land will be retained for meadow grazing, contributing further to the Projects biodiversity net gain (BNG). The community food growing and educational areas, together with the upgrading of the right of way that crosses this area would remain as part of the Project.

The primary purpose of this proposed change is to protect the setting of the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site, in response to feedback received from Interested Parties including Historic England. In their Written Representation [REP1-086], Historic England advised that *'further refinements could avoid much of the harm to the WHS, Blenheim Palace listed building and Registered Park and Garden, by removing solar panel development from the fields marked 2.1, 2.2, 2.5 and 2.20-2.26'* (paragraph 5.56). These changes are being sought to address those concerns expressed by Historic England and comprise the full removal of all solar panels and associated infrastructure from those fields identified by Historic England in its Written Representation.

Change 1 will result in alterations to the Order Limits by reducing the area of land included within the Order Limits. The change will not result in any new land interests, as no new land is sought to be brought into the Order Limits. In terms of resultant environmental effects, the Applicant's preliminary assessment is that whilst there will be some beneficial effects (e.g. avoiding harm to the setting to the WHS, improved landscape and visual effects and wellbeing effects), with no residual adverse effects, overall there is unlikely to be any new or materially different significant environmental effects compared to those already reported. From a planning perspective this change is expected to improve the openness of the Green Belt in this location.

Change 2: Reduction in Order Limits boundary to reduce the solar installation area near to Oxford airport

As a result of discussions with Oxford Airport and in response to its concerns regarding the safe operation of their airfield, the Applicant has agreed to further revise its layout to accommodate their concerns by reducing the Order Limits in the safety area.

This change will result in alterations to the Order Limits in the form of a reduction of approximately 53 ha. The installation area would also reduce by approximately 41 ha. This change will also include the re-siting of the existing secondary substation approximately 25-50m to the north, which itself will be reduced in height to approximately 5m, with associated lattice structure lightning rods being no higher than 10.5m. The temporary construction compound will either be re-sited to the north adjacent to the newly positioned substation or moved through approximately 90 degrees from its current position.

The final position of the adjusted Order Limits will be confirmed once the compound position has been settled (following further noise assessment work), and in any event will be resolved before any consultation is undertaken in relation to this change. A suitable plan will be produced at that stage to accompany this change and a full suite of updated documents will be submitted with the formal Change Application.



The freed-up land will continue to be used for agricultural purposes, managed by the landowner. The change will not result in any new land interests, as no new land is sought to be brought into the Order Limits. In terms of environmental effects, the Applicant's preliminary assessment is that whilst there will be some beneficial effects (e.g. improved landscape and visual amenity, improved safety, improved wellbeing) and no residual adverse effects, overall there is unlikely to be any new or materially different significant environmental effects compared to those already reported.

From a planning perspective this change is anticipated to improve the openness of the Green Belt in this location and remove the concerns of Oxford Airport, the OHA's and other interested parties regarding safe operation of the airport, as well as removing any risk of coalescence between Begbroke and Kidlington.

Change 3: Refinement of Project layout and design to reposition the main Project substation as shown on Sheet 13b of the Works Plans [AS-005] (see Appendix A attached to the Notification)

Sheet 13a of the Works Plans [AS-005] identifies the existing layout of the Main Project substation alongside the New National Grid Substation, if the New National Grid Substation is to be delivered under the DCO.

Sheet 13b of the Works Plans identifies the layout of the Main Project substation and additional solar array, if the new National Grid substation is to be delivered by National Grid on adjacent land to the west beyond the Order Limits. The current layout shows the additional solar array directly in place of the land reserved for the new National Grid substation and the Project main substation remaining to the east of that land parcel.

However, the Applicant is proposing to adjust the layout shown on Sheet 13b such that the Project main substation would be moved to the western side of the land parcel within the Order Limits, closer to where the new National Grid substation is proposed to be relocated. The additional solar array would then be to the eastern side of the land parcel shown on Sheet 13b. This would allow for a shorter, more efficient and more cost-effective cable connection to the National Grid substation. This was recognised by the ExA in the Issue Specific Hearing 1 (on DCO and Strategic Matters) and the Applicant is seeking this change partly in response to that suggestion.

No new land interests would be engaged through this change. No additional land outside the current Order Limits is required. In terms of environmental effects, the Applicant's preliminary assessment is that whilst there will be some beneficial effects (e.g. less BMV permanently lost and reduced noise impact to sensitive receptors), and no significant residual adverse effects, overall there is unlikely to be any new or materially different significant environmental effects compared to those already reported.

Change 4: Refinement of Project layout and design to reduce solar installation on land east of Lower Road (see Appendix A attached to the Notification)

The Applicant is aware of a restrictive covenant which prevents the construction of 'buildings' over Plots 6-18, 6-19, 8-06, 8-07, 8-13, 8-14, 8-15, 8-16, on which the Applicant proposes solar arrays and related infrastructure. In any event, the draft DCO would facilitate the extinguishment of that restrictive covenant to allow the development to proceed. Notwithstanding, the Applicant has continued to engage with the affected landowner to try and find a reasonable alternative proposal. To date, the IP has maintained his position that he does not want solar installation over the relevant land parcel. The Applicant is therefore proposing to reduce its powers of solar installation over a large part of the affected land, specifically immediately to the west and south of the IP's property. This would result in a loss



of approximately 2.7 ha of installation area and the re-routing of part of the 33kV cable. The freed-up land would remain within the Order Limits and remain in agricultural use and managed for BNG.

No new land interests would be engaged through this change. No additional land outside the current Order Limits is required. In terms of environmental effects, the Applicant's preliminary assessment is that whilst there will be some beneficial effects (e.g. reduced landscape and visual impacts on sensitive receptors, improved wellbeing effects, including use of PRoW), and no significant residual adverse effects, overall there is unlikely to be any new or materially different significant environmental effects compared to those already reported.

Change 5: Refinement of Project layout and design to remove installation areas overlapping with Flood Zones 2 and 3 (see Appendix A attached to the Notification)

As a result of a base mapping error, the Applicant has identified minor anomalies where the solar installation slightly overlaps with Flood Zone 2 or 3 throughout the Project site. The Applicant is committed to not develop within Flood Zone 2 or 3 and so is proposing to correct this mapping anomaly. This has resulted in a small loss of installation area in several locations amounting to approximately 0.72 ha.

No new land interests would be engaged as a result of this change. No additional land outside the current Order Limits is required. Given the minor nature of the proposed modification, it is considered that there are no new or materially different likely significant environmental effects that would arise as a result of this change.

Change 6: Refinement of Project layout and design to include an additional installation area within Southern Site (see Appendix A attached to the Notification)

The Applicant has recently become aware of a change in the EA mapping of parts of Flood Zone 2. In particular, an area within the Order Limits was previously excluded from development because it was within Flood Zone 2. This is an area of approximately 2.41 ha, within the Southern Site. The Applicant now wishes to utilise this area for additional solar array as a result of the change in Flood Zone status.

No new land interests would be engaged through this change. No additional land outside the current Order Limits is required. In terms of environmental effects, whilst the Applicant is aware that this land is still susceptible to surface water flooding, which will be subject to further analysis and mitigation, it is unlikely that this change will lead to new or materially different likely significant environmental effects to those currently reported.

Change 7: Reduction in Order Limits boundary to remove small parcels of land owned by Oxfordshire County Council (Estates) (see Appendix A attached to the Notification)

This change is sought to refine the Order Limits so that these sections of the Order Limits only include the extent of the public highway (i.e. land of Oxfordshire County Council in its capacity as highway authority) and do not involve land owned by Oxfordshire County Council in its 'Estates' capacity. The amount of land proposed to be removed is approximately 0.005ha only.

This change will result in a reduction to the Order Limits but will not impact on the nature or extent of the works proposed to be carried out in these locations. No new land interests will be engaged through this change, as no additional land outside the current Order Limits is required. Given the minor nature of the proposed modification to the Order Limits, it is considered that this change will not result in any new or different likely significant environmental effects.



Change 8: Refinement of Project layout and design to reposition the Public Rights of Way currently proposed to be stopped up and diverted back to definitive alignment - (see Appendix A attached to the Notification)

Prior to submission of the Applicant's DCO Application, the Applicant became aware that there was a difference between the aerial data showing the used footpath routes on the ground and the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) definitive data set of their alignment. The data showed that the routes used by the public deviated from the definitive data set alignment. The Applicant therefore sought powers to alter the alignment of the PRoW to reflect the 'desire lines' on the ground. However, following ongoing discussions with OCC, the Applicant is seeking to remove those powers to adopt the OCC definitive alignments which will result in a change to the submitted plans.

No new land interests would be engaged through this change. No additional land outside the current Order Limits is required. Given the minor nature of the change it is considered that there are no new or materially different likely significant environmental effects that would arise as a result of this change.

Change 9: Reduction in Order Limits boundary to remove an area of land along Wharf Road

The Applicant is proposing to reduce the area required along Wharf Road following feedback from the landowner (Siemens Healthcare Limited). The area of Wharf Road to be removed (part of plot 11-29) falls within the landowner's gated area, which is secured and would require notice of entry each time access is required. Furthermore, removing the area would lessen the potential impact on the operations of the site, which requires uninterrupted access. It has been agreed with the landowner that this area will not be taken under an Option Agreement as it is no longer needed to facilitate the development. An alternative route for the cable is facilitated through the Order Limits, by routing north before the gated area and running parallel in an adjacent parcel of land.

This change will result in alterations to the Order Limits and a reduction in the area of land included within the Order Limits. The precise extent of the change will be discussed with Siemens and once settled form part of the formal Change Request. A suitable plan will be produced at that stage to confirm the extent of the change. The change will not result in any new land interests, as no new land is sought to be brought into the Order Limits, and no likely new or different significant environmental effects are anticipated as a result of this change.

Change 10: Clarification of the role of the community educational facility

The proposed community education facility has been included in the original project, as seen in Chapter 16 of the Environmental Statement [APP-053] and the outline Operational Management Plan [APP-234] (oOMP). Illustrative 3D Views of the Educational Facility are also available at [APP-107]. As set out in Chapter 16 and the oOMP, further details (including the location, size and scale) of the facility will be finalised during the detailed design phase and included within the detailed Operational Management Plan (as secured under Requirement 12 of the draft DCO). This is explained in the Applicant's response to the ExA's Written Question Q1.7.11 submitted at Deadline 2.

Whilst the facility was in the original project, it is proposed to be included as part of the Change Application to provide absolute clarity, as the Applicant will be seeking to update Chapter 6: Project Description and the draft DCO to include express reference to the community educational facility. This is to remove any doubt as to whether the community education facility forms part of the proposed development. It is considered that this change will not result in any new or materially different likely significant environmental effects.

Change 11: Refinement of Project layout and design to secure the latest design parameters for the new National Grid substation

The area currently set aside for the NGET substation amounts to up to 3.8 ha. The parameters for that substation include a 76m x 31m footprint of main building and 14m height of main building, as secured in the Outline Layout and Design Principles [REP1-014]. The Guide to the Application, Statement in Respect of Statutory Nuisance and the Explanatory Memorandum were each updated at Deadline 2 to ensure any references to these parameters are consistent.

However, following its engagement with National Grid, amendments to those parameters are required to ensure that the secured design details adequately facilitate the delivery of the New National Grid Substation. The Applicant is also looking to secure additional parameters to give greater clarity on the proposed design. This will be secured in an updated version of the Outline Layout & Design Principles (to be submitted as part of the formal Change Application).

No new land interests would be engaged through this change. No additional land outside the current Order Limits is required. Similarly to Change 10, whilst the infrastructure is already captured in the original project, it is proposed to be included as part of the Change Application for absolute clarity and to remove any doubt as to whether the newly proposed design of the new National Grid substation falls within the scope of the assessed parameters. Given the minor nature of the change it is considered that there are no new or materially different likely significant environmental effects that would arise as a result of this change.

Scope and extent of proposed changes

Due to the relatively minor nature of the proposed changes and the fact they relate to scheme refinements, there is no material change to the substance of the Project compared to that which was submitted with the DCO Application. The Applicant also notes that the changes look to give effect to changes proposed by Interested Parties and therefore seeks to refine the Project progressively in response to ongoing engagement – as such, the Applicant's position is that the proposed changes are in general terms to be more favourable to Interested Parties than the existing proposals.

The combined effect of the changes, due to them largely being reductions in the extent of the Order Limits and/or involving no additions to the Order Limits, will not result in materially new or different effects to those assessed in the Environmental Statement [APP-036 to APP-224] (as may have been updated during Examination).

Since the proposed changes have been identified early into the Examination phase of the Project and in response to comments received by and representations made by Interested Parties, there will be no prejudice to prospective Interested Parties or to the prospective Examination Timetable.

The changes involve a reduction in the Order Limits or scheme refinements and would not impact on additional land interests not previously identified. The Change Application will not involve any material increase or extension of the Order Limits and does not require additional Compulsory Acquisition relating to new plots of land and/or interests.

The Applicant notes that under the PINS Guidance, there is no requirement to submit a plan in the change notification showing the location of all proposed changes. However, for illustrative purposes, Appendix A sets out preliminary plans illustrating the location of the proposed changes 1 and changes 3 to 8. The plan of the final Order Limits reduction for Changes 2 and 9 is being finalised in light of discussions with Oxford Airport and the relevant



landowner respectively and is therefore not provided at this stage, whilst a plan in relation to Change 10 is already available (see the Illustrative 3D Views of the Educational Facility [APP-107]). A complete and final suite of new and updated application documents in relation to all changes will be submitted as part of the formal Change Application following consultation on those changes.

Amended and Updated Documents

As a result of Changes 1 to 11 referred to above, the following documents are envisaged to be newly submitted or updated with the Change Application, with both track changed and clean versions submitted (where relevant), to enable the ExA and Affected Parties to identify the amendments that have been made from the previous iteration of the documents submitted:

Document Name	Document reference
Guide to the Application	TBC – updated at Deadline 2 submitted alongside this Change Request Notification
Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	As above.
Explanatory Memorandum	As above.
Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO	As above.
Location Plan	AS-024
Streets, Access and Rights of Way Plans	AS-004
Works Plans	AS-005
Land Plans	AS-006
Hedgerow Removal Plans	AS-007
Traffic Regulation Measures Plans	AS-008
Masterplans and Location plan	AS-019, AS-020 and AS-024
Operational Development Areas plan	AS-021
Landscape, Ecology and Amenities Plan	AS-022
Temporary Facilities Plan	AS-023
Book of Reference	REP1-010
Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference	REP1-017
Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker	TBC – updated at Deadline 2 submitted alongside this Change Request Notification
Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule and Land Rights Tracker	As above.
Environmental Statement Addendum	<i>New Document</i>
Chapter 6 of the Environmental Statement: Project Description	APP-043
Outline Layout and Design Principles	REP1-014

Change Request Report	<i>New Document</i>
Chapter 7 of the Environmental Statement: Historic Environment	CR1-003
Appendix 7.4 of the Environmental Assessment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site	APP-141
Appendix 7.5 of the Environmental Statement: Settings Assessment	TBC – updated at Deadline 2 submitted alongside this Change Request Notification
Outline Written Scheme of Investigation	TBC – updated at Deadline 2 submitted alongside this Change Request Notification
Additional Photomontages for Historic Environment Assessment	TBC – new document at Deadline 2 submitted alongside this Change Request Notification

Consultation

In determining how to consult on the Change Application, the Applicant has had regard to PINS Guidance. The Planning Inspectorate encourages applicants to provide Affected Parties with the opportunity to engage in the change process prior to the Change Application being made to the ExA. The Guidance states that it will be necessary for applicants to carry out 'appropriate consultation' with the ExA advising on the need, scale and nature of consultation that may be required, having regard to the scope of the changes proposed.

In this case, all of the changes comprise reductions to the Order Limits or refinements to the proposed layout of the Project. There are no additions to the Order Limits being proposed.

In terms of the scope and extent of the changes proposed through the Change Application, the Applicant considers that the effect of the proposed changes would not be so substantial as to constitute a materially different project. Following the proposed changes, the Project will be substantially the same as the project which was initially applied for.

Given the specific circumstances of this proposed change, the Applicant considers it would not be appropriate or proportionate to consult all prescribed consultees set out under section 42(1)(a) to (d) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) that were previously consulted through the non-statutory, statutory and targeted consultations carried out in respect of the Project. The Guidance expressly allows for a targeted approach to the identification of those affected by a change application: *"If a targeted approach to the identification of those affected by the proposed change is adopted then detailed justification should be provided about why the applicant considers it is not necessary to consult all the prescribed persons. For example, the proposed change would not affect the functions of statutory undertakers"*.

On this basis, the Applicant proposes to carry out targeted consultation to reflect the nature of the changes sought through the Change Application. The Applicant intends to consult with parties who may be directly affected by the proposed changes, including:

- Land interests specifically affected by and interested in the proposed changes;
- Statutory undertakers whose utilities/infrastructure may be located in the vicinity of the proposed changes;



Since the proposed changes are reductions to the Order Limits not impacting on the extent of the Order Limits, there is no new Category 3 land as defined by section 57 of the PA 2008. Given this, there are no new claimants as a result of the Change Application and no new or different significant effects arising from the proposed changes to enable a relevant claim to be made.

Having reviewed and carefully considered all prescribed consultees and key stakeholders from the previous non-statutory, statutory and targeted consultations for the Project (carried out during the pre-application stage), the Applicant has determined that the majority of previous consultees will not be materially impacted by the proposed changes, beyond the impacts already assessed and consulted on as part of the DCO Application.

However, in the interest of fairness and transparency, prior to carrying out the consultation, the Applicant will notify the relevant planning leads at each authority of its intention to submit the Change Application. In addition, the Applicant will discuss the proposed reductions in Order Limits with each relevant planning authority prior to the submission of the Change Application to ensure that the relevant authority understands the context in which the changes are proposed and any potential concerns or queries can be discussed and resolved. The Applicant will also provide the opportunity to discuss any ongoing issues prior to the Change Application being submitted to the ExA following completion of the consultation period.

The Applicant also proposes to consult Historic England (due to their involvement in Change 1) and Oxford Airport (due to their involvement in Change 2).

In total therefore, the Applicant has identified approximately 47 consultees (excluding unknown interests), to be consulted; several of which have been engaged on an ongoing basis in relation to changes prior to and following submission of the DCO Application. These stakeholders are listed below:

- Approximately 10 statutory undertakers;
- Approximately 18 individual Land Interests associated with the 11 changes;
- Four relevant host local authorities;
- 13 relevant host parish councils;
- Historic England; and
- Oxford Airport.

An Environmental Statement (ES) [**APP-036 to APP-224**] was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the DCO Application and certain individual documents have been updated during (pre-)Examination. The Applicant is currently preparing supporting environmental information to accompany the Change Application in the form of an ES Addendum, albeit the proposed changes are not considered likely to result in new or different significant effects. In any case, the Applicant expects that the proposed changes will improve the environmental position of the proposed Project, on the basis that a key driver for many of the proposed changes is to respond to feedback received from bodies showing concerns of the impact on the Environment.

While it is acknowledged that the ES Addendum would form supplementary environmental information, there is no statutory requirement to consult on this, including in respect of the consultation requirements under Regulation 20 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations), as the ES Addendum does not constitute "further information" for the purposes of the EIA Regulations. This is because the proposed changes are not likely to result in any new or different significant effects, such that it is not relevant to the ExA's ability to reach a reasoned conclusion on the significant effects of the Project (per Regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations). Further, as the change is concerned



with the removal of land and reduction of the Order Limits, such that there is no 'additional land' included, the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regulations) are not engaged.

The proposed changes to the DCO Application are a result of ongoing discussions and feedback from Affected Parties. While the Applicant considers that the CA Regulations will not be engaged, the Applicant recognises the importance of ensuring all potentially Affected Parties have an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes.

The guidance states that the Applicant should allow a minimum of 28 days for consultation responses, from receipt of the information about proposed changes. Given the limited and localised nature of the changes proposed through the Change Application, the fact that the proposed changes have arisen following consultation so far, as well as the ongoing discussions with the owners/occupiers of the affected land interests in relation to the proposed changes, the Applicant does not expect to receive many new comments from the consultation. However, the Applicant is willing to propose a 30-day consultation period in respect of the Change Application. This in line with the guidance and in recognition of potentially reduced availability over the summer months and noting that a bank holiday would fall within this period, hence an additional couple of days allowed.

The 30-day period is proposed to be no later than between Tuesday 5 August and 11:59pm on Thursday 4 September 2025.

Timing and Procedure

The Applicant has considered the appropriate approach to bringing forward the Change Application in the context of the requirements of the Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent (DCLG) and the PINS Guidance. The Applicant considers that the changes can be adequately considered in full by the ExA, and the Change Application decided, such that it will not impinge on the commencement of the examination. The Applicant has set out a table below with an indicative proposed programme for the Change Application:

Action	Indicative timings	Comment
Informal notification	27 June 2025	Informal email to the ExA of the intention to submit a Change Application
The change notification	1 July 2025	This document, submitted alongside Deadline 2.
Advice from the Examining Authority	22 July 2025	Whilst the Applicant appreciates this is within the ExA's discretion, the Applicant has assumed up to 3 weeks.
Consultation on proposed changes	4 September 2025	This allows 6 weeks to give time for a consultation period of 30 days (exceeding the 28 days minimum), with surplus time for consultation material to be updated in line with any advice from the ExA.
Submit Change Application	30 September 2025	Time to finalise the Change Application following the consultation period, taking into account any feedback. This will allow all the information to be available in the



		Examination ahead of the week reserved for hearings w/c 6 October 2025.
Decision	21 October 2025	Again, the Applicant appreciates this is within the ExA's discretion, but has assumed up to 3 weeks. There is flexibility allowed ahead of the close of Examination on 15 November.

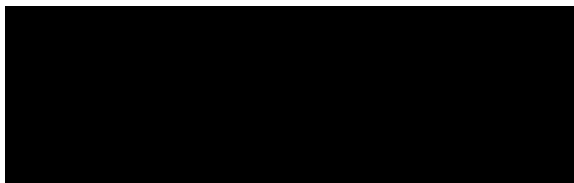
As shown above, the Applicant proposes to submit the Change Application to the ExA following completion of the consultation period, no later than 30 September 2025.

Closing remarks

The Applicant trusts that this letter is useful to the ExA in setting out the intention of the Applicant to submit the Change Application and providing an overview of the scope and nature of the changes proposed.

The Applicant looks forward to receiving the ExA's procedural advice on the Change Application in due course

Yours sincerely,



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(On behalf of the Applicant)

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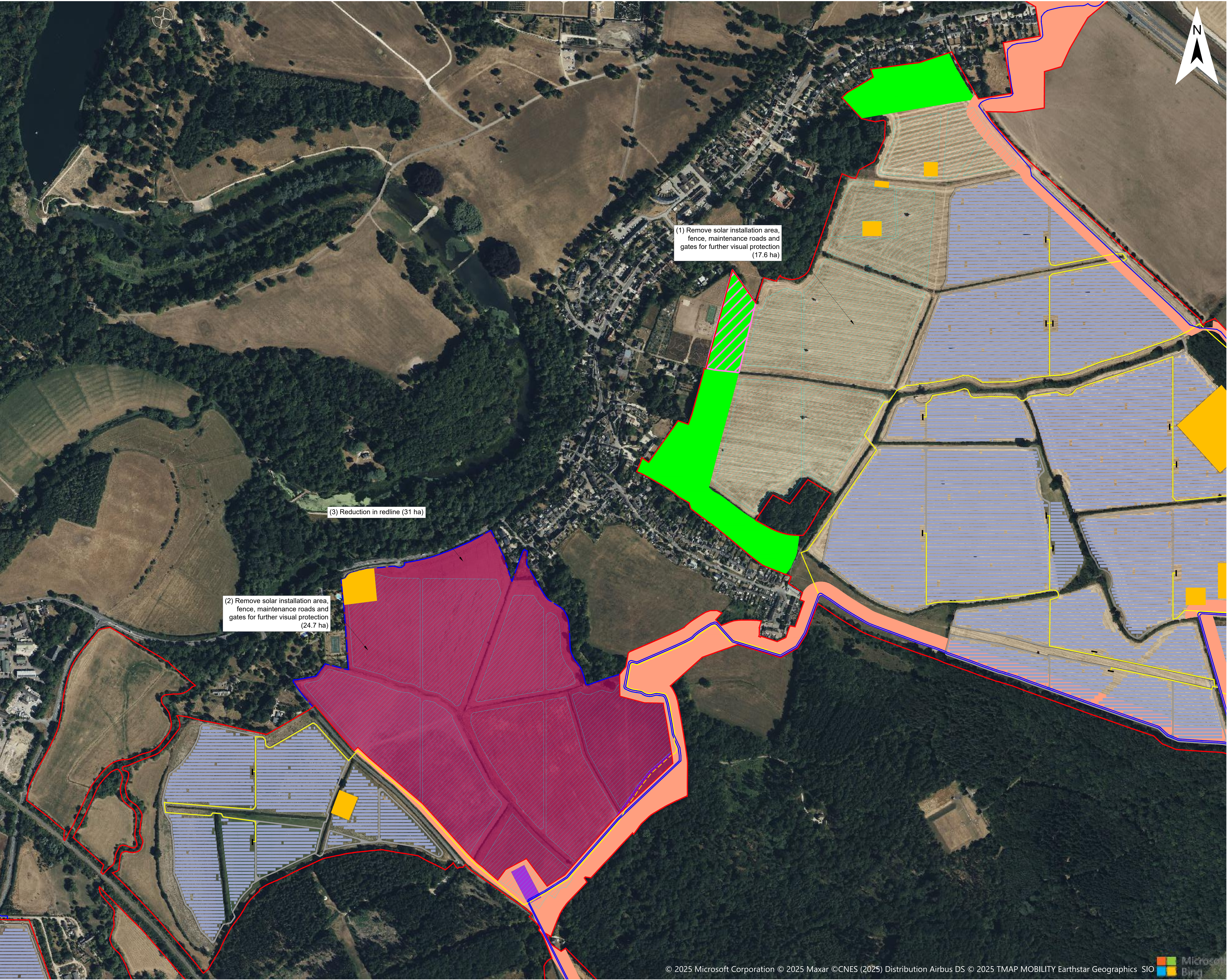
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Appendix A – Preliminary plans illustrating the location of proposed changes



APPENDIX A

Preliminary plans illustrating the location of proposed changes



Legend

Order Limits Rev.1, s51 Response

Order Limits Change Request 2

Proposed Infrastructure and Land Use Elements *

Areas for sensitive archaeological site protection and management

Solar Panels

Maintenance Road

Fence

Access Gate

PCS

Indicative 33kV Cable Route

Indicative 33kV Cable Route Affected

Indicative 275kV Cable Route

Indicative 275kV Cable Route Affected

Cable Corridor

Temporary HDD Compound

Educational Area

Land Available for Community Food Growing Area

Project Refinements

(1) (2) Replace solar installation area, fence, maintenance roads and gates for further visual protection (Total: 42.3ha)

(3) Reduction in redline (31 ha)

* The location of the proposed infrastructure and land use elements are shown indicatively only.

A: Notification of Change Request					
Project			Status		
Botley West Solar Farm			Preliminary		
Id.	Changes	Date	Name	Date	Name
			Edit	01.07.2025	K. Lueken
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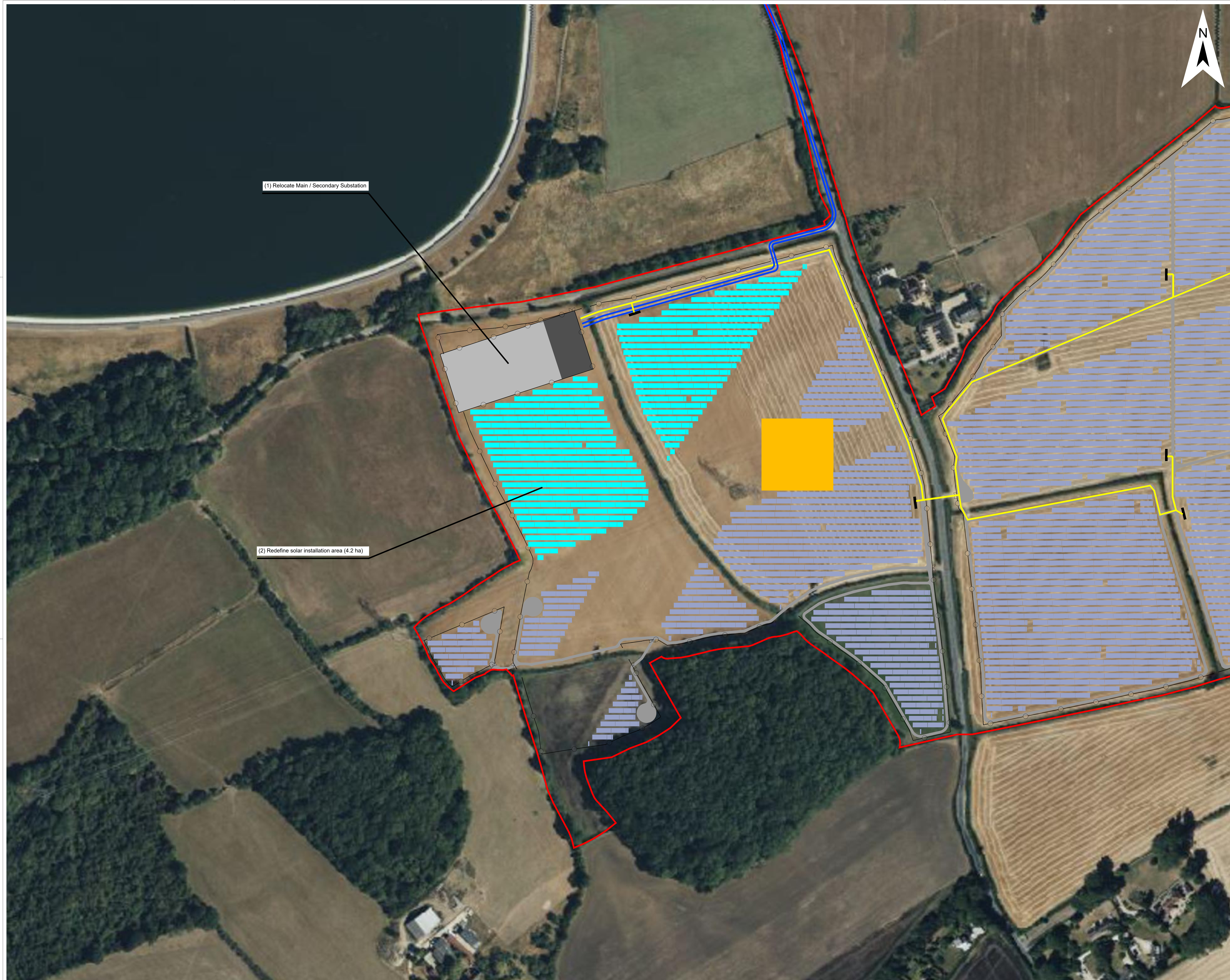
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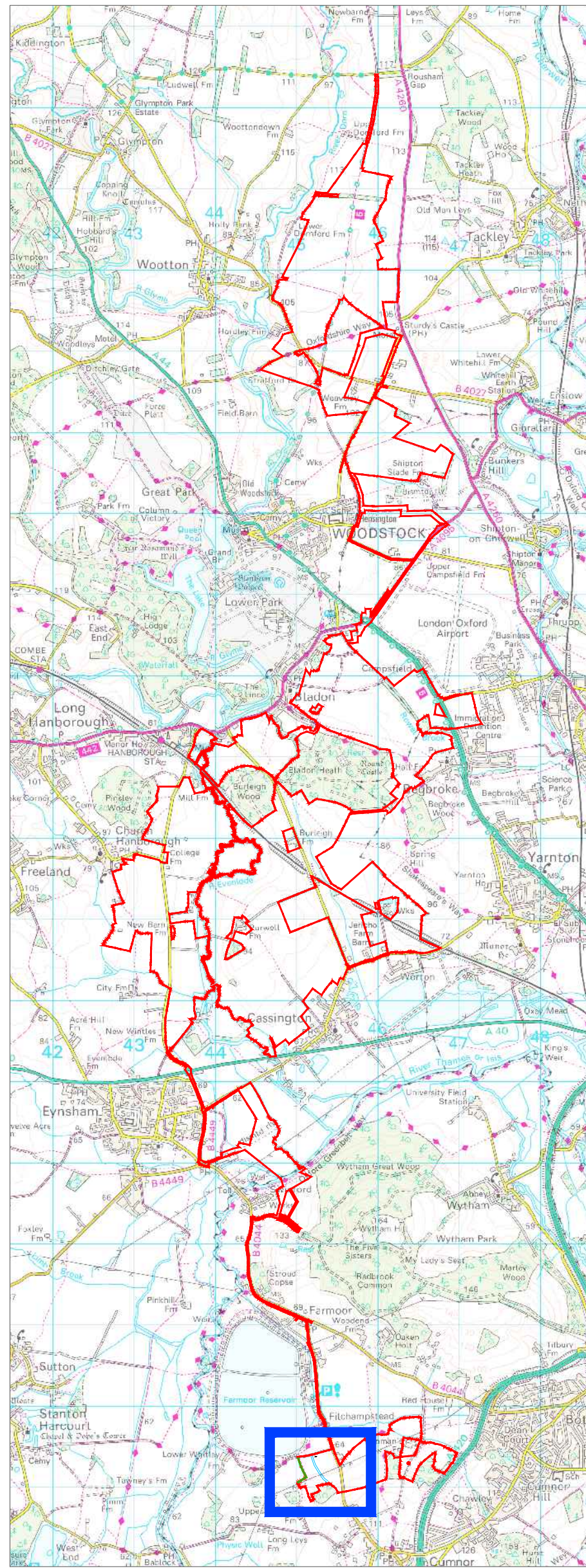
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Main Substation	
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(1) Relocate Main / Secondary Substation	
(2) Redefine solar installation area (4.2 ha)	




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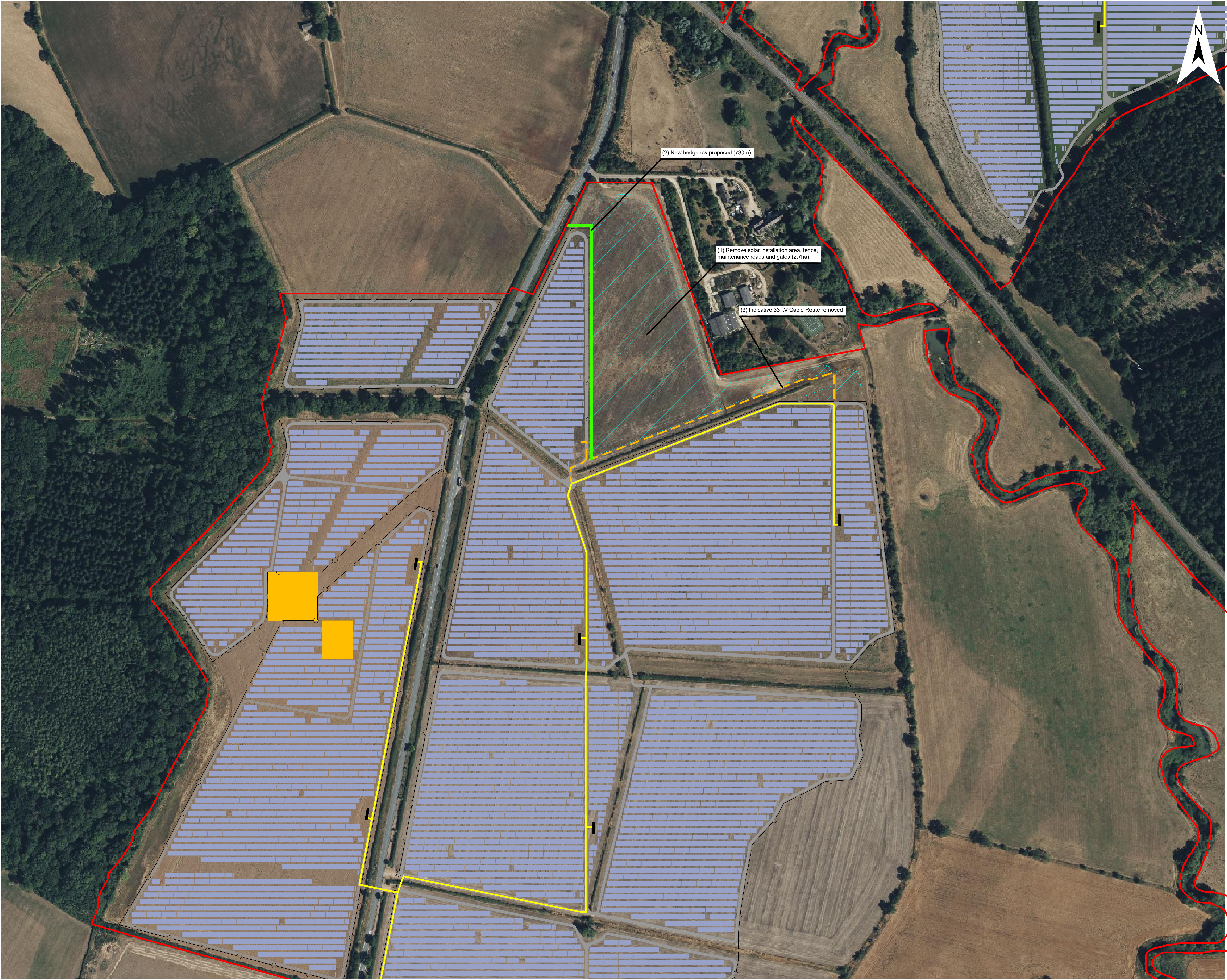
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Fence

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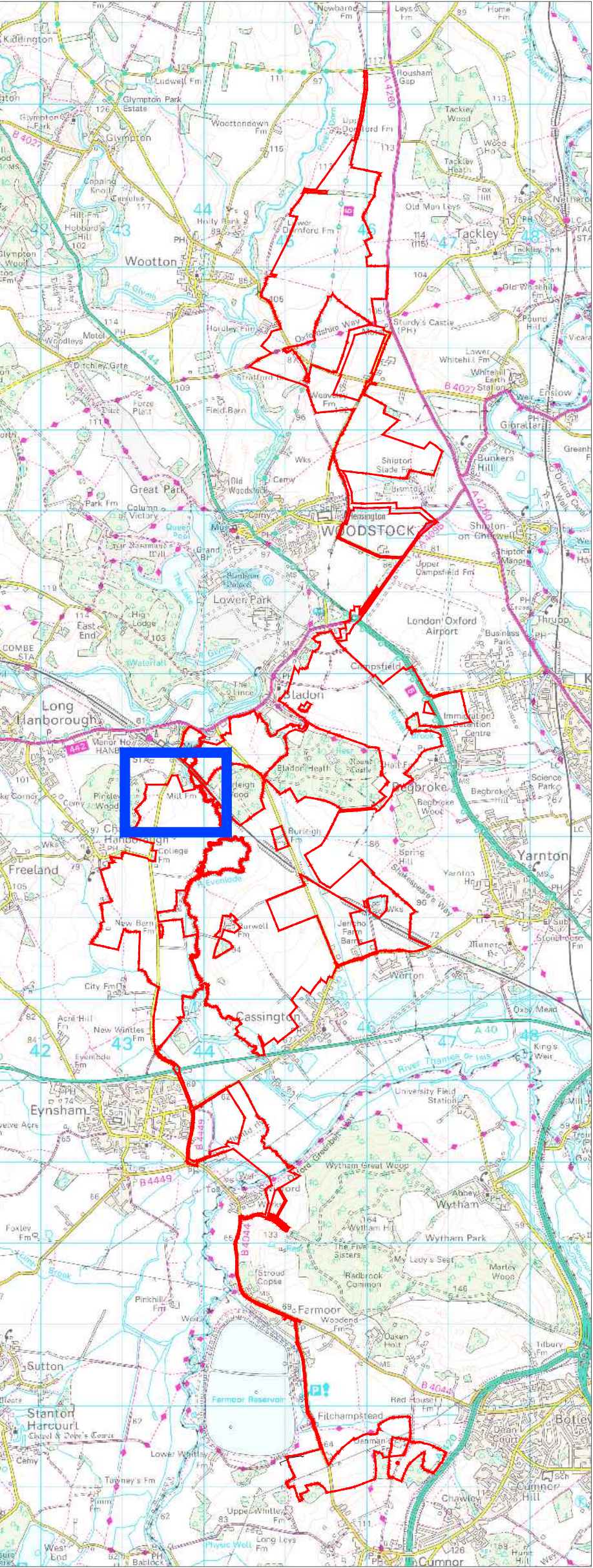
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Project Refinements

(1) Remove solar installation area, fence, maintenance roads and gates (2.7ha)

(2) New hedgerow proposed (730m)

(3) Indicative 33 kV Cable Route removed



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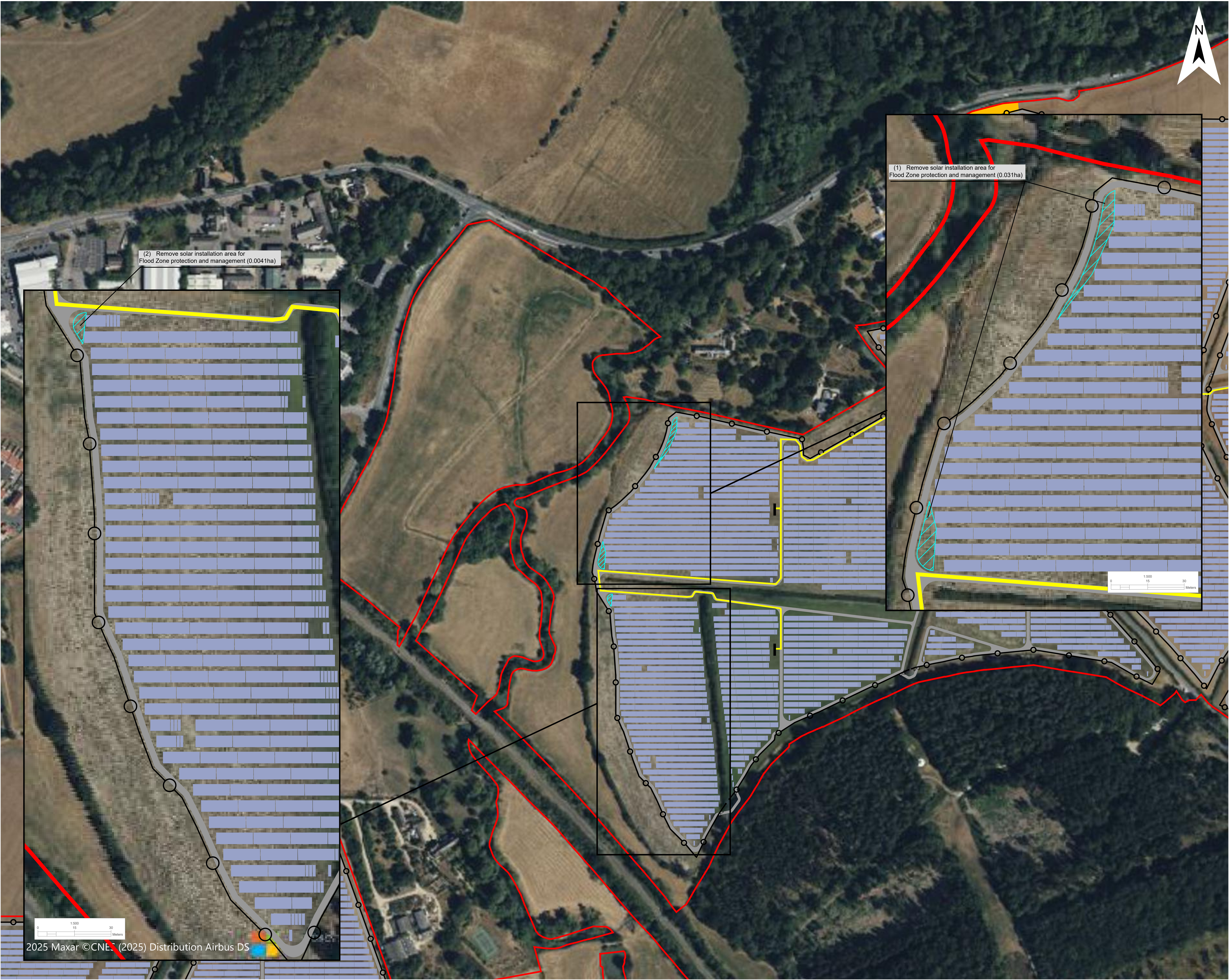
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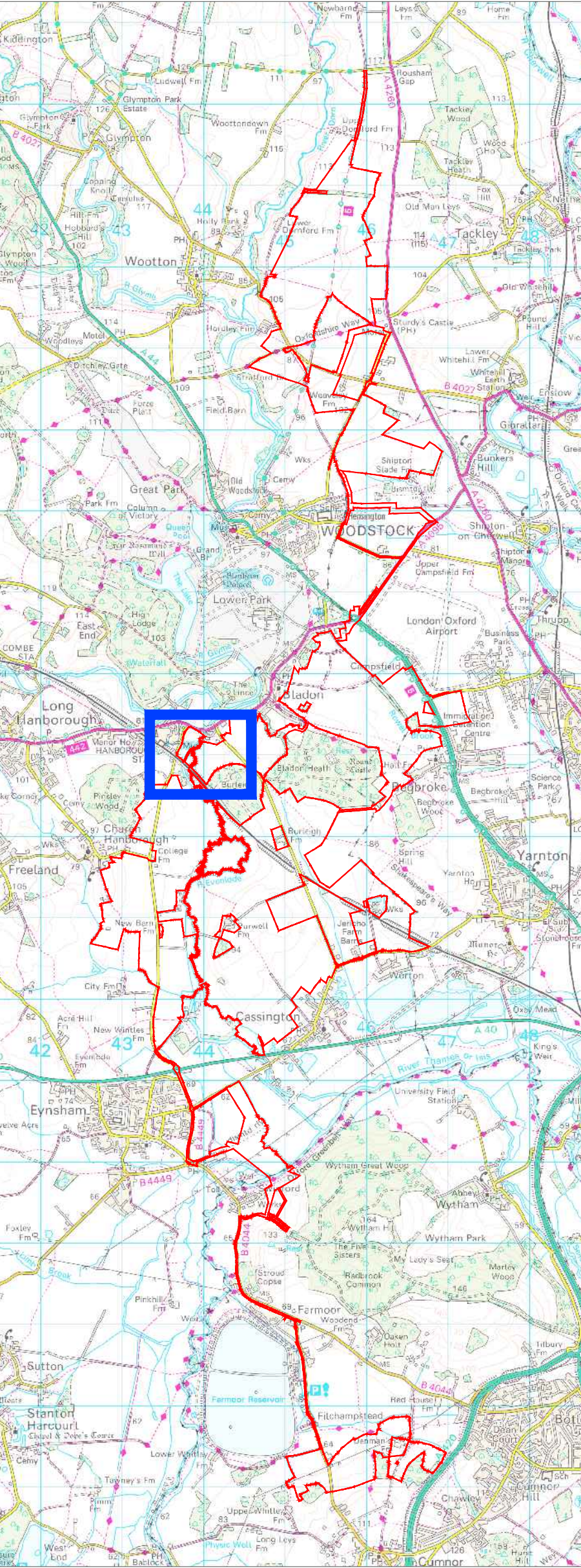
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- (1) Remove solar installation area for further flood zone protection and management (0.031ha)
- (2) Remove solar installation area for further flood zone protection and management (0.0041ha)



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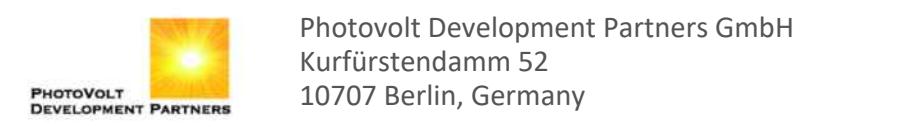
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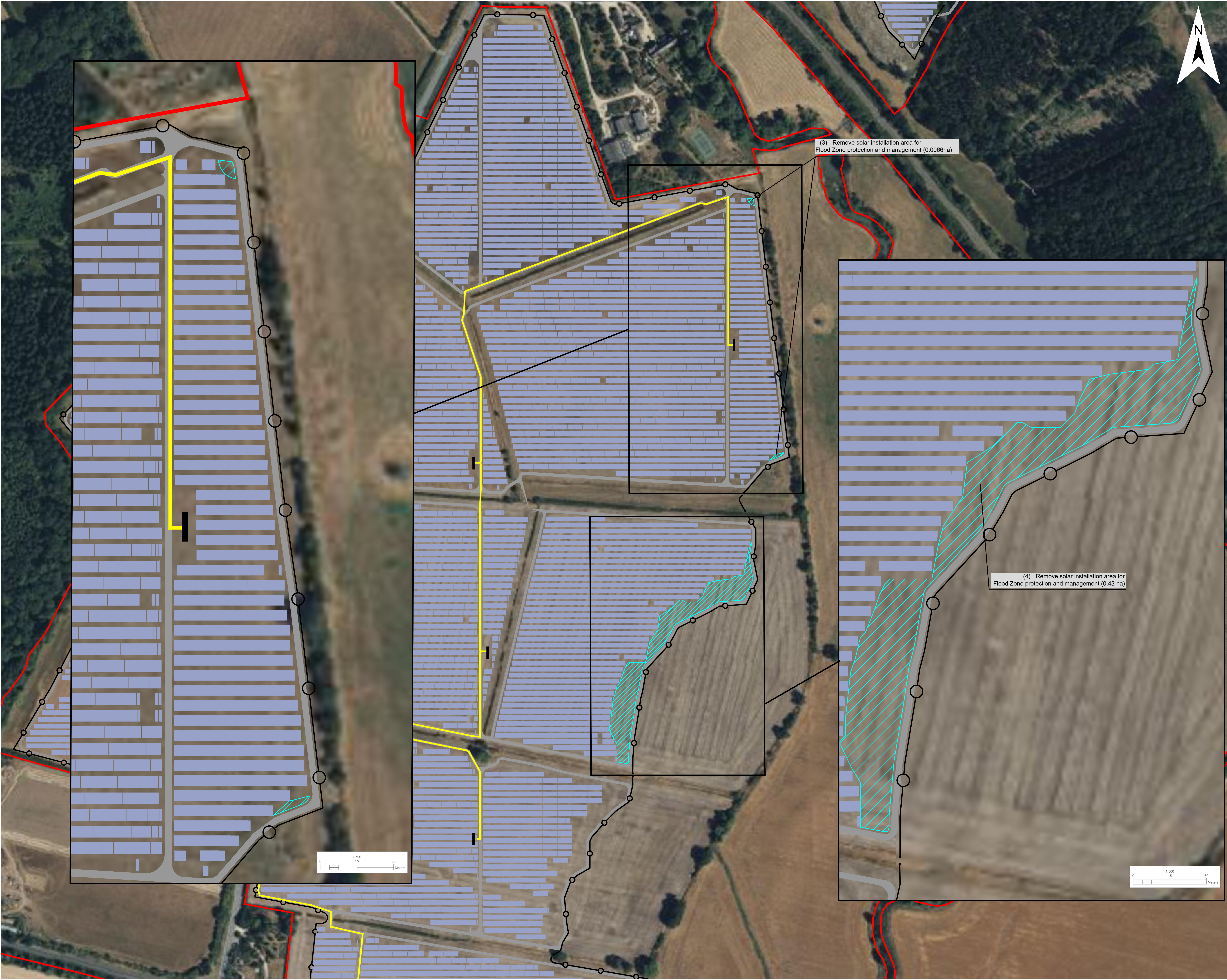
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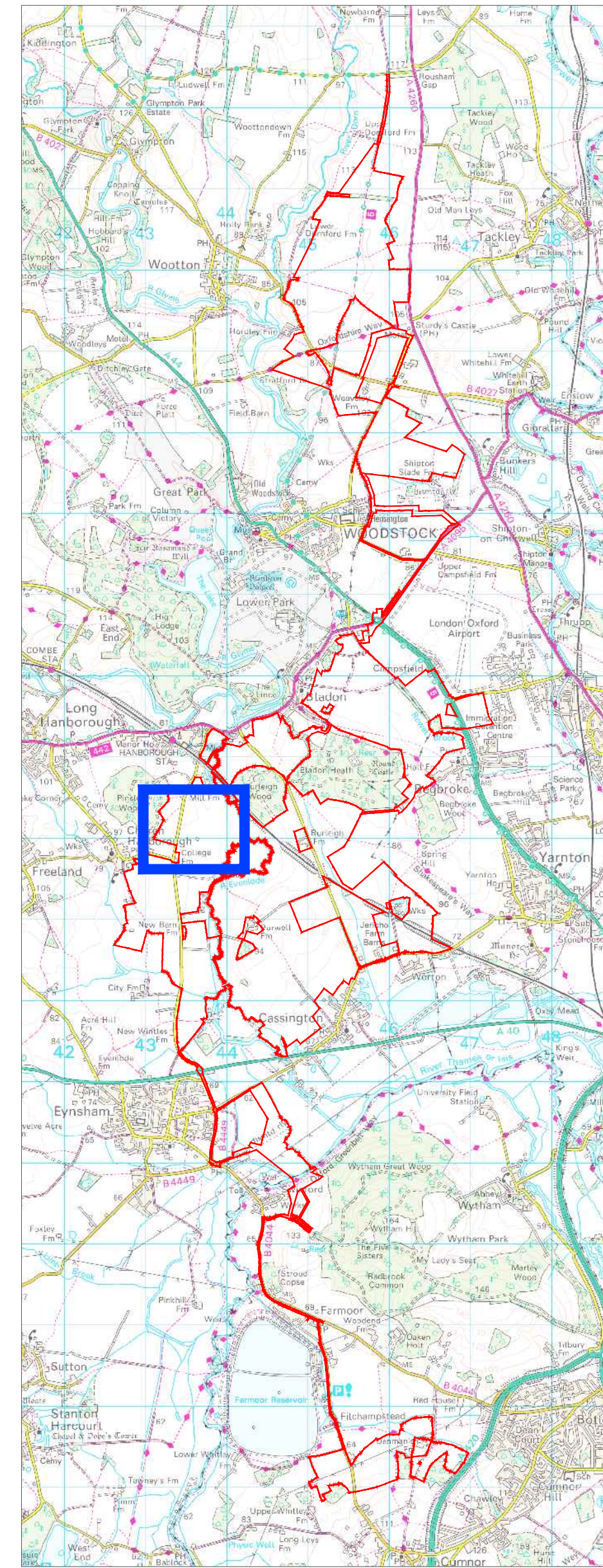
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Indicative 33kV Cable Route

Project Refinements

(3) Remove solar installation area for further flood zone protection and management (0.0066ha)

(4) Remove solar installation area for further flood zone protection and management (0.43ha)



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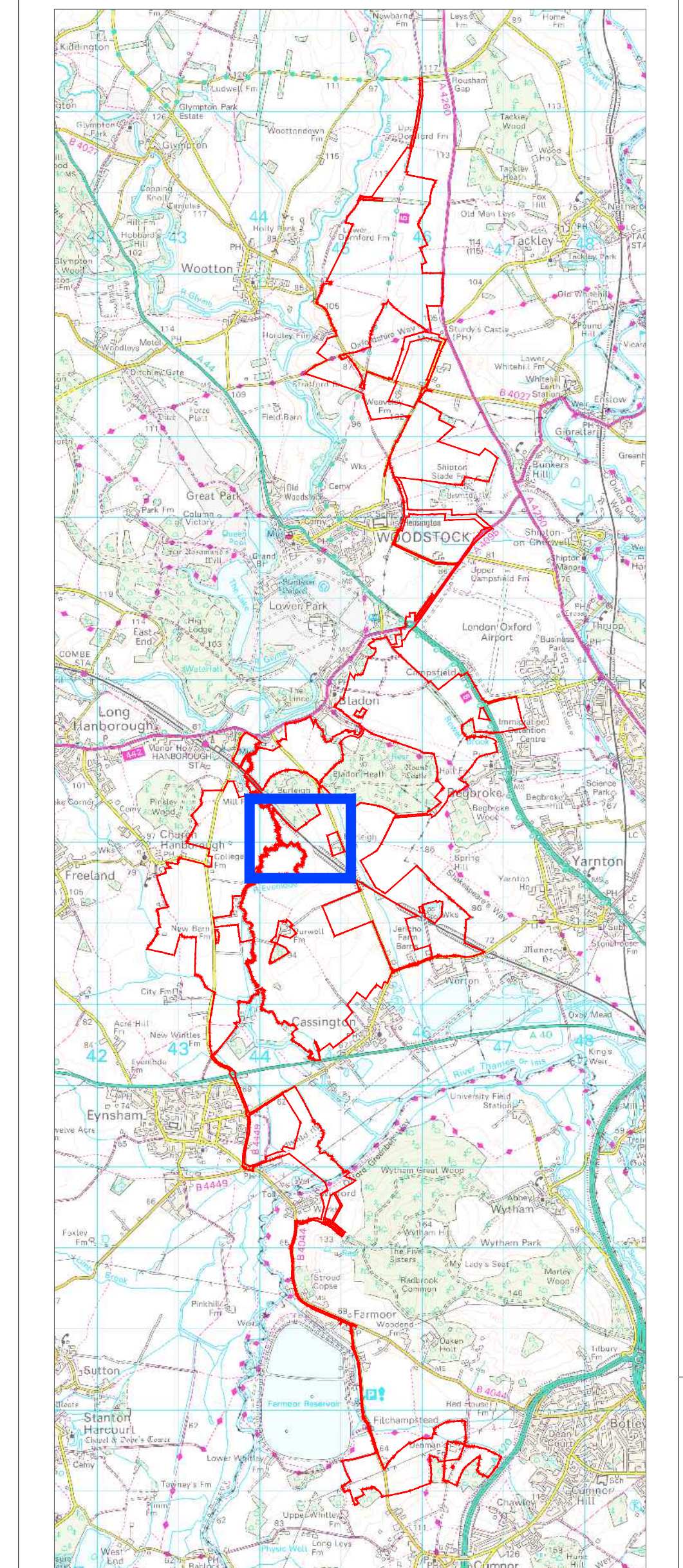
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- (5) Replace solar installation area for further archeological protection and management (0.0048ha)



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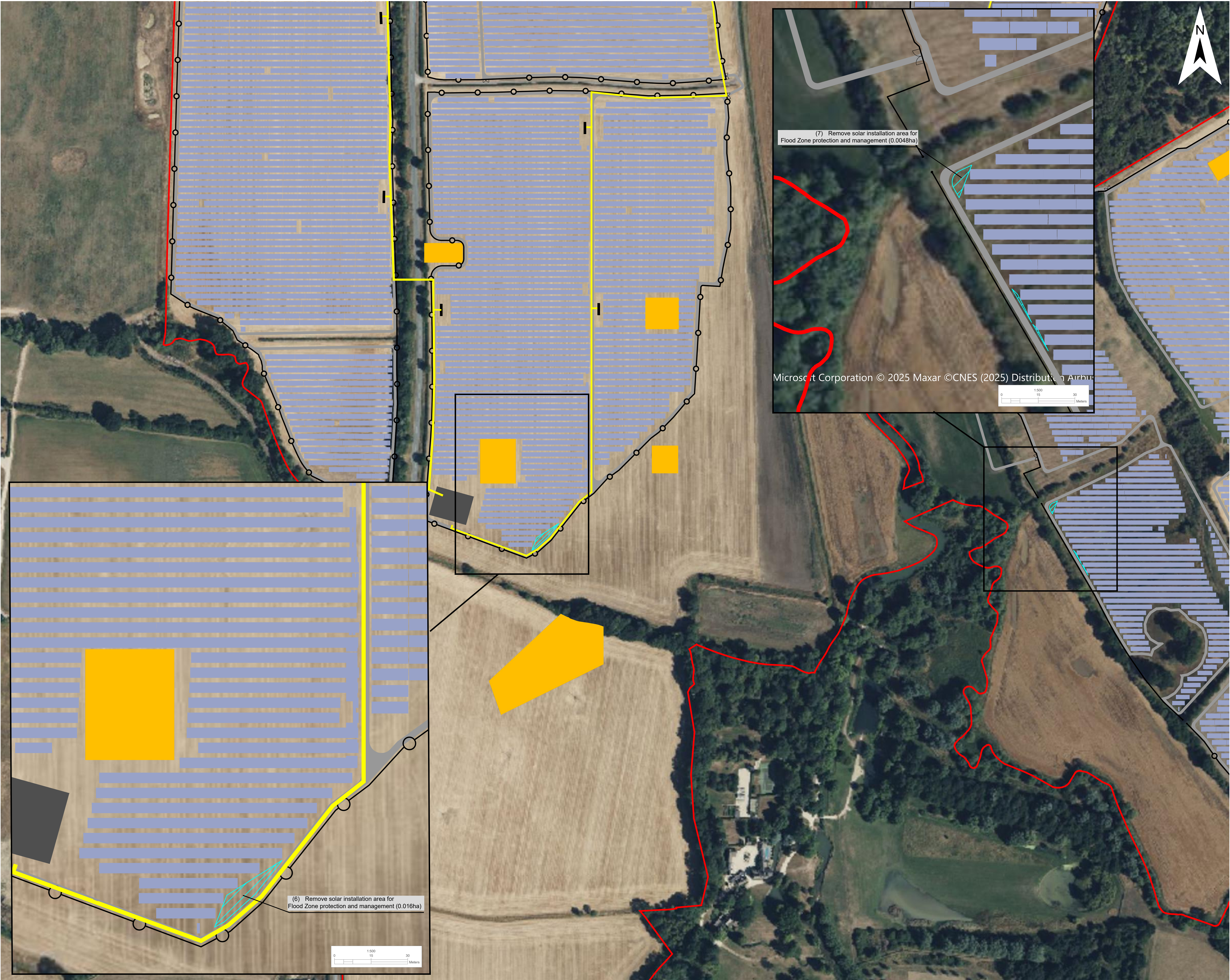
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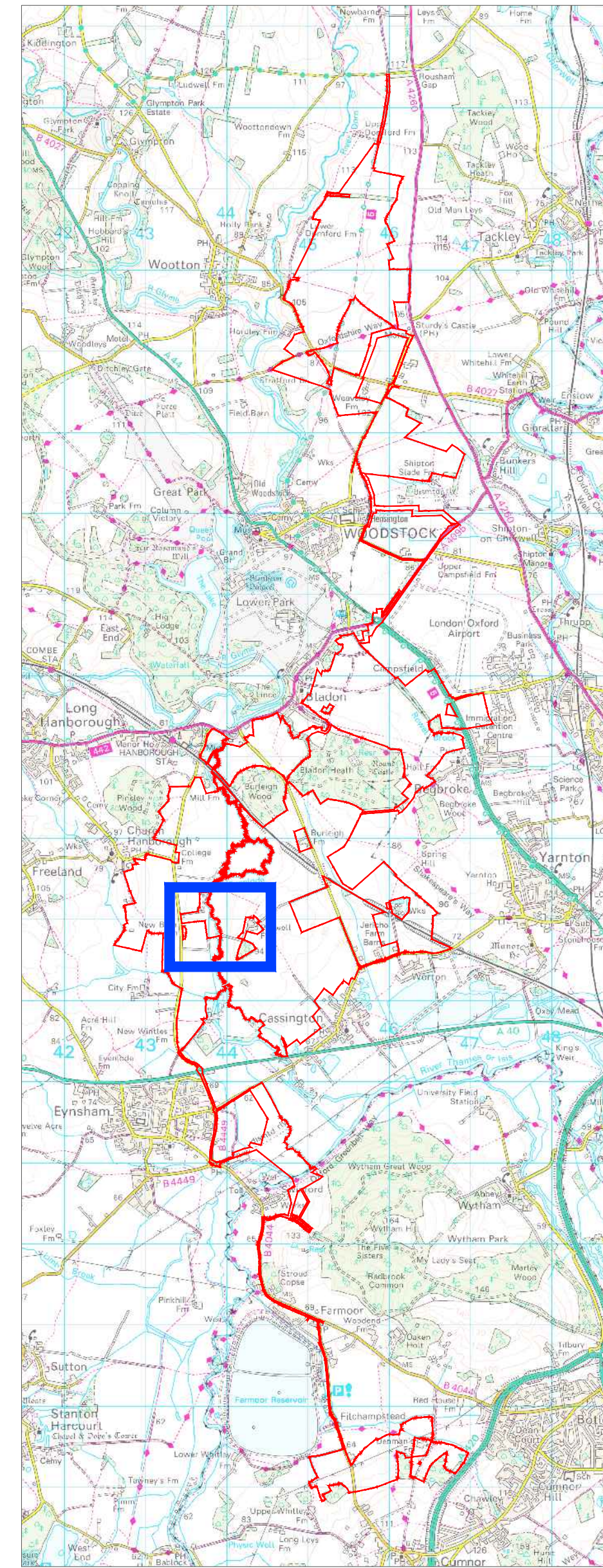
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Project Refinements

(6) Replace solar installation area for further archeological protection and management (0.016ha)

(7) Replace solar installation area for further archeological protection and management (0.0048ha)



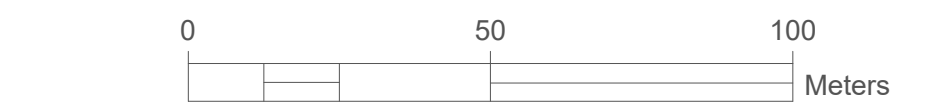
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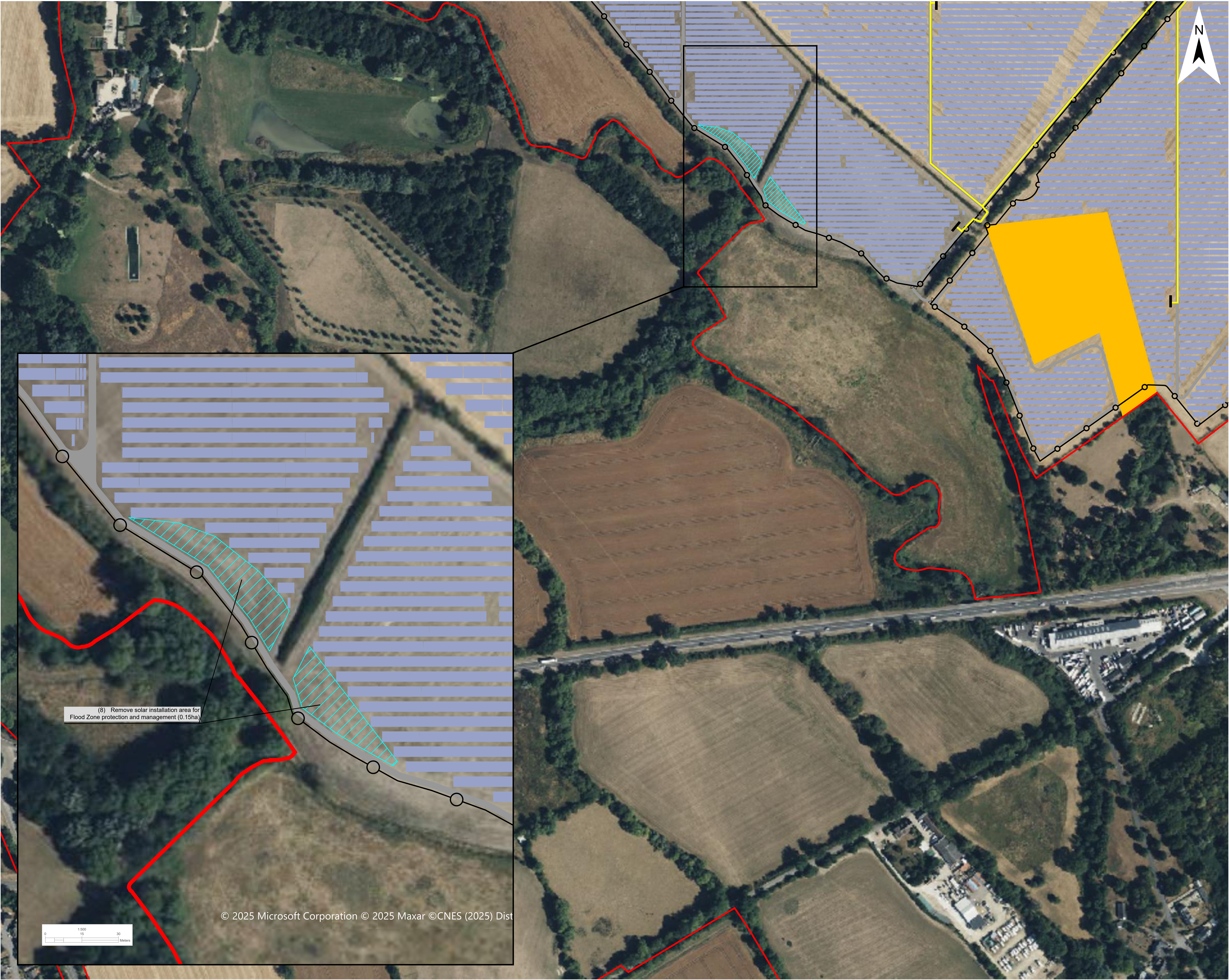
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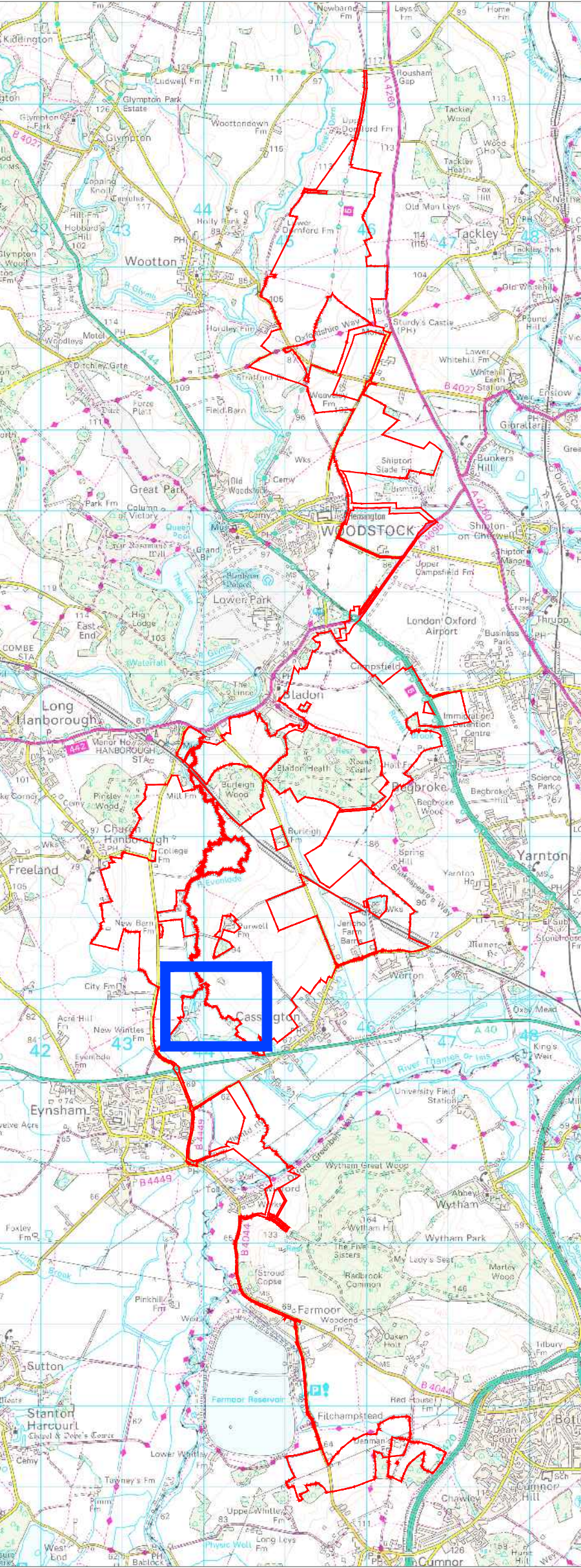
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- (8) Replace solar installation area for further archeological protection and management (0.15ha)



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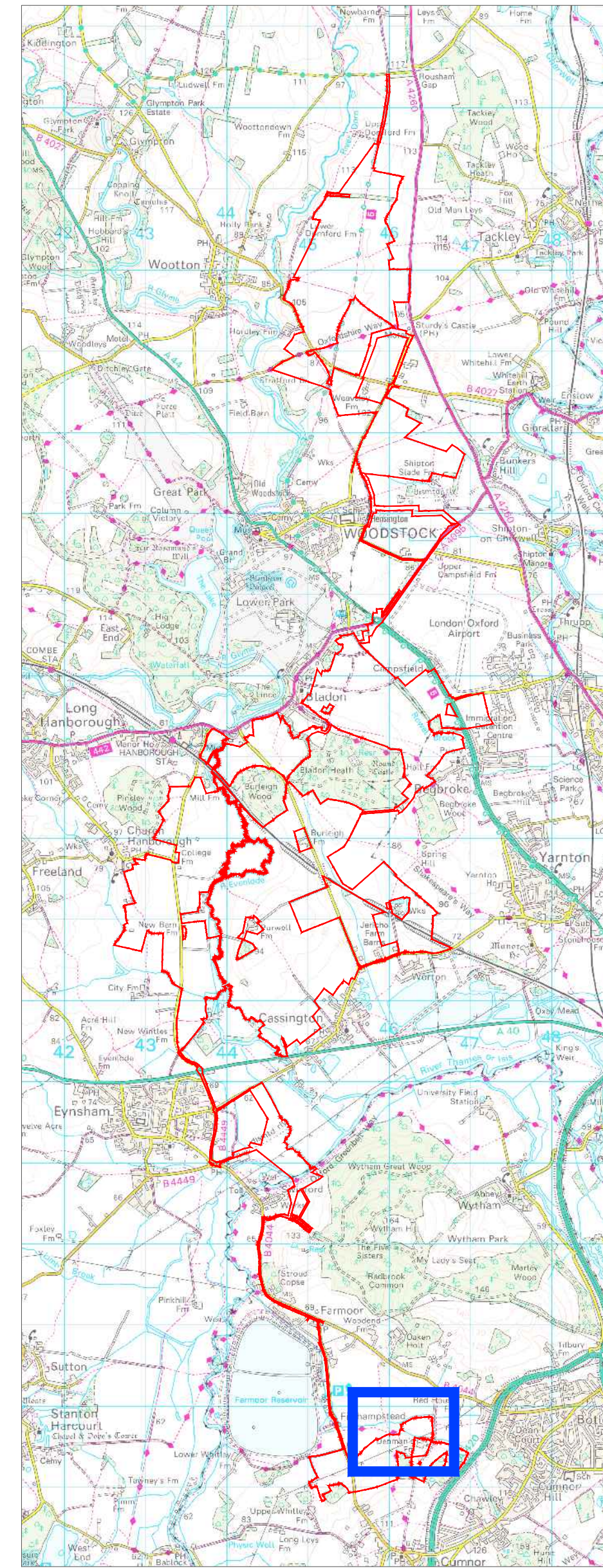
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Indicative 33kV Cable Route

Project Refinements

(9) Remove solar installation area for further flood zone protection and management (0.064ha)

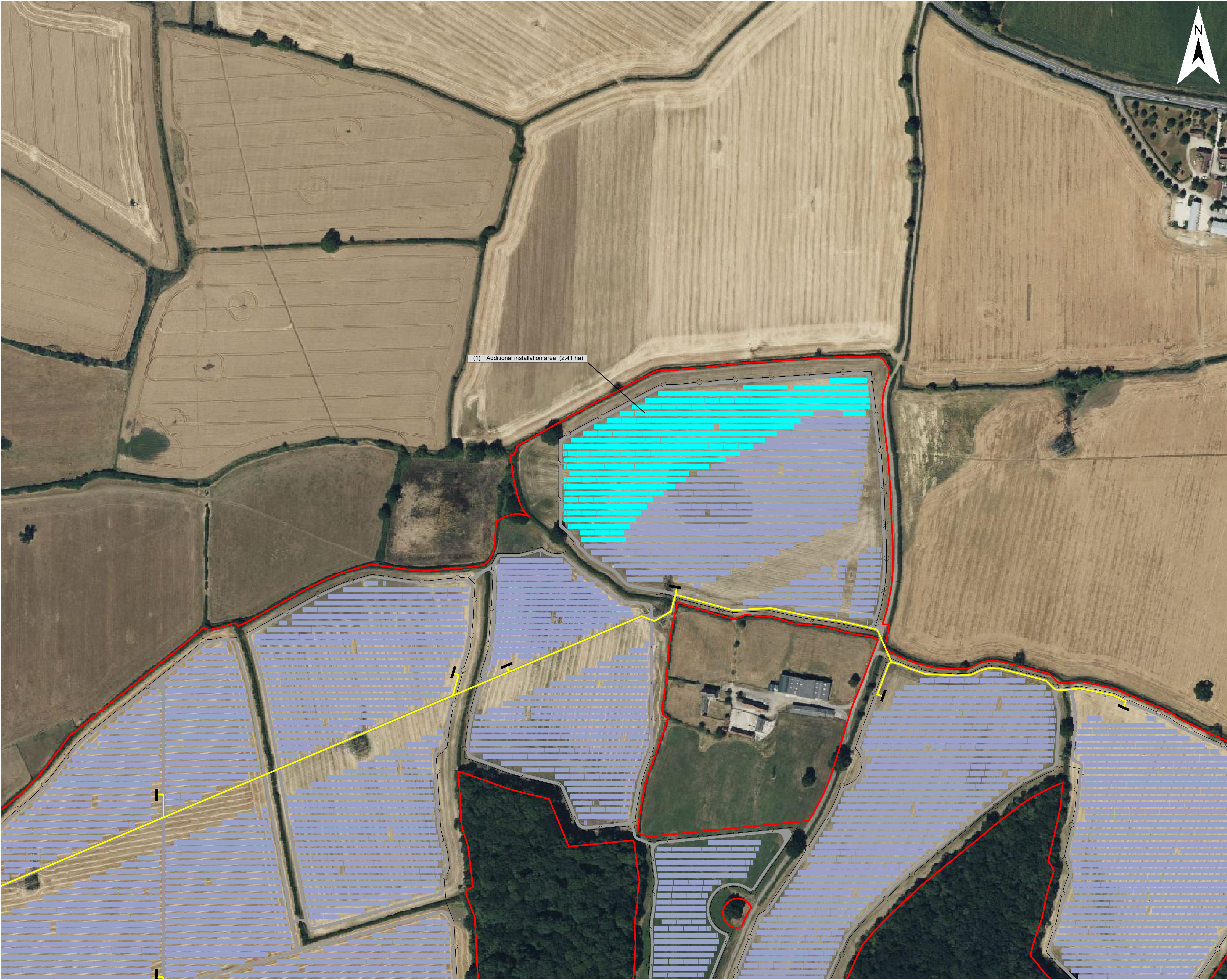


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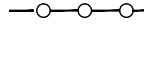
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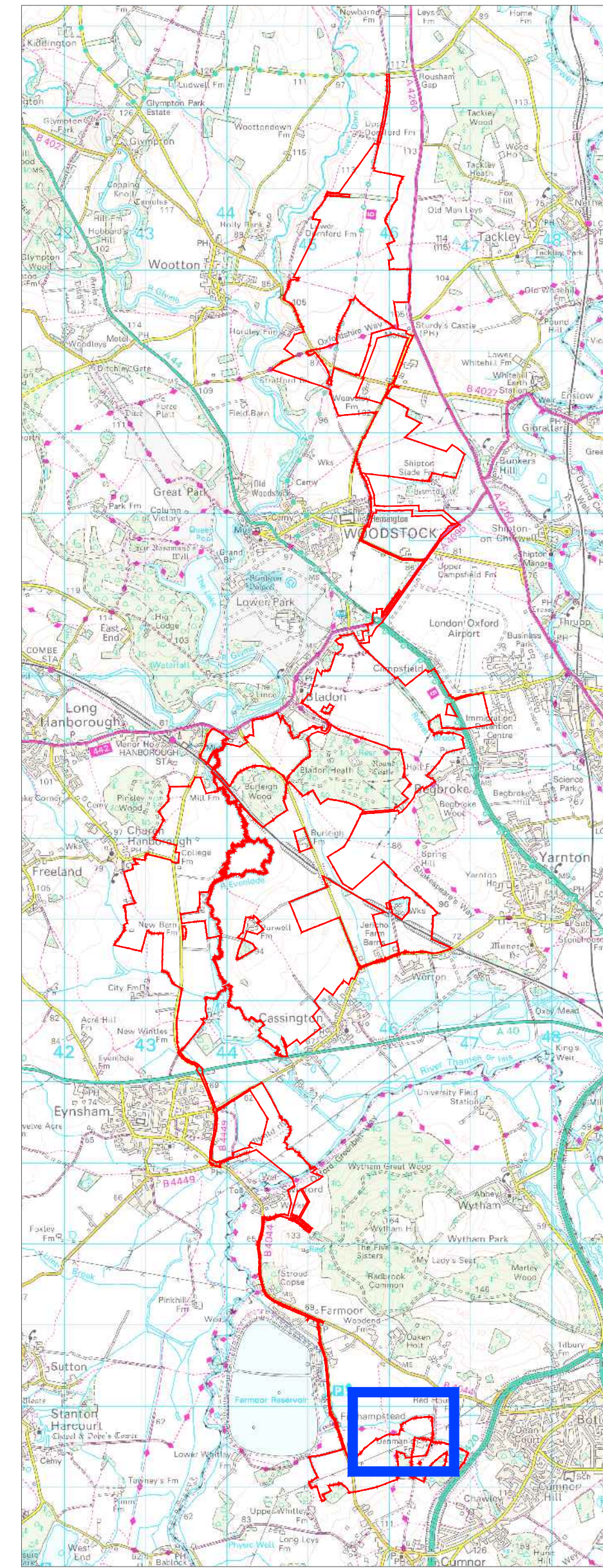
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Project Refinements

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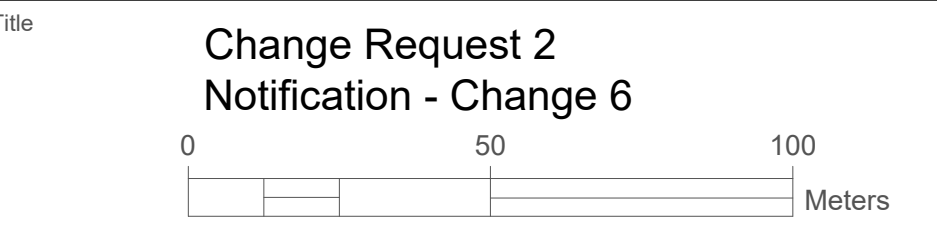


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Indicative 275kV Cable Route

Project Refinements

(1), (2) and (3) Refinement of Redline

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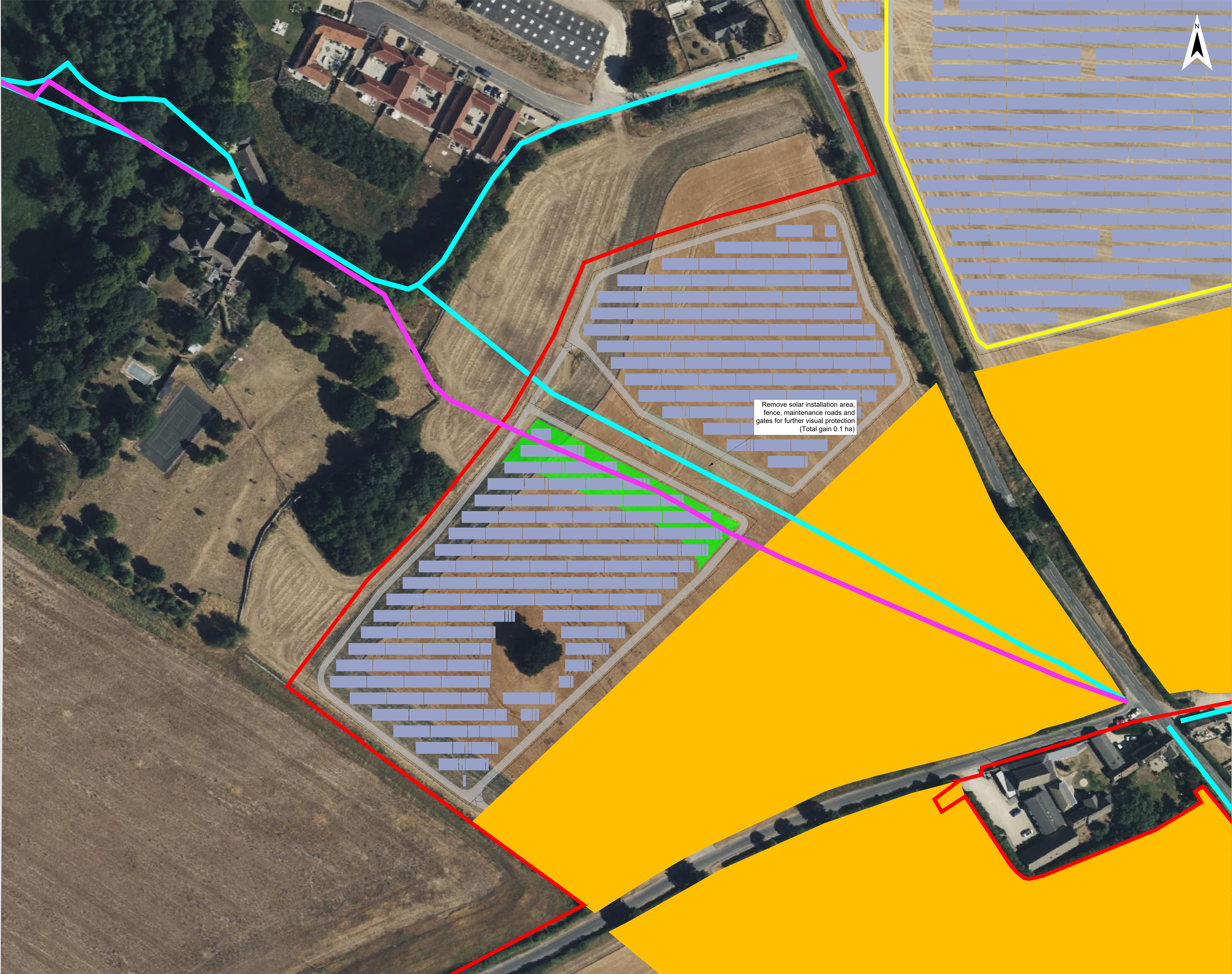
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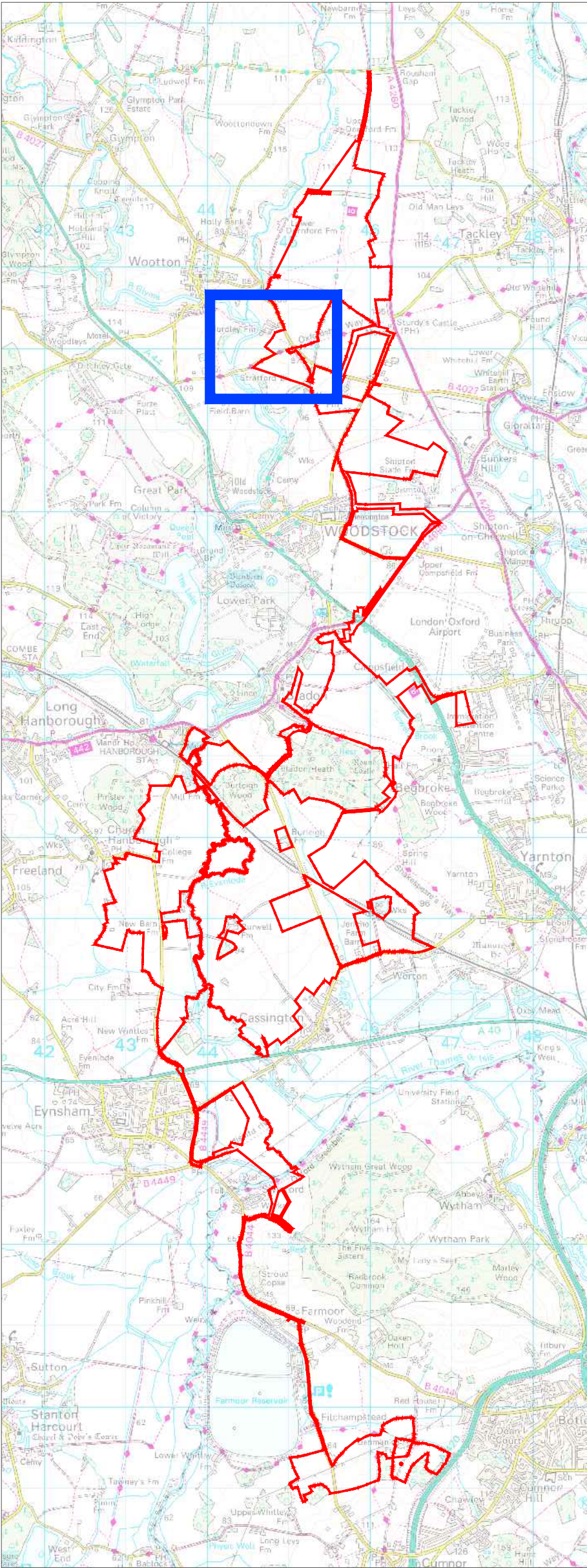
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- Previous PROW Route 
- Updated PROW Route 

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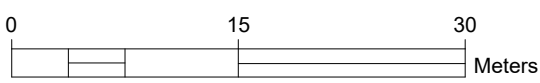
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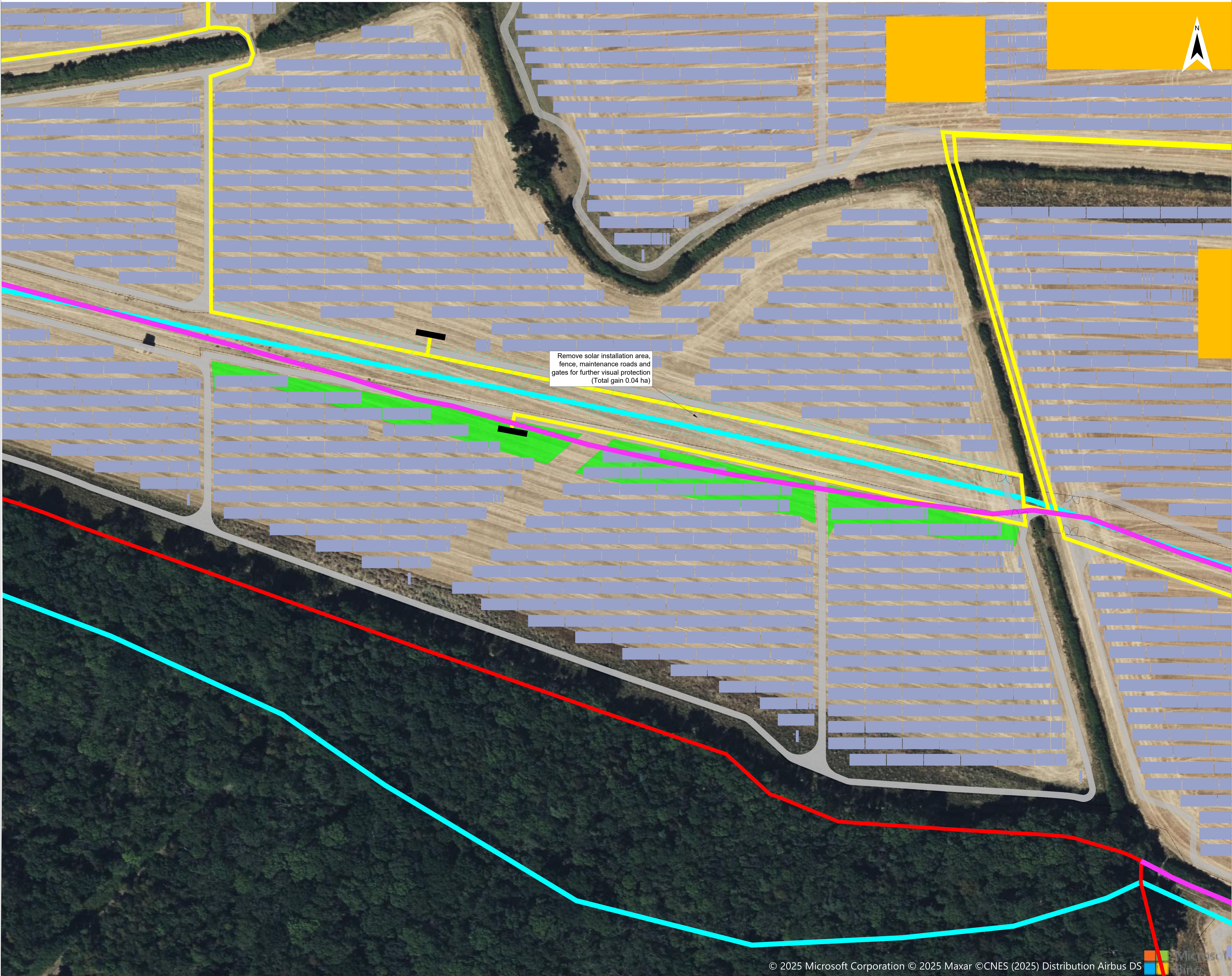
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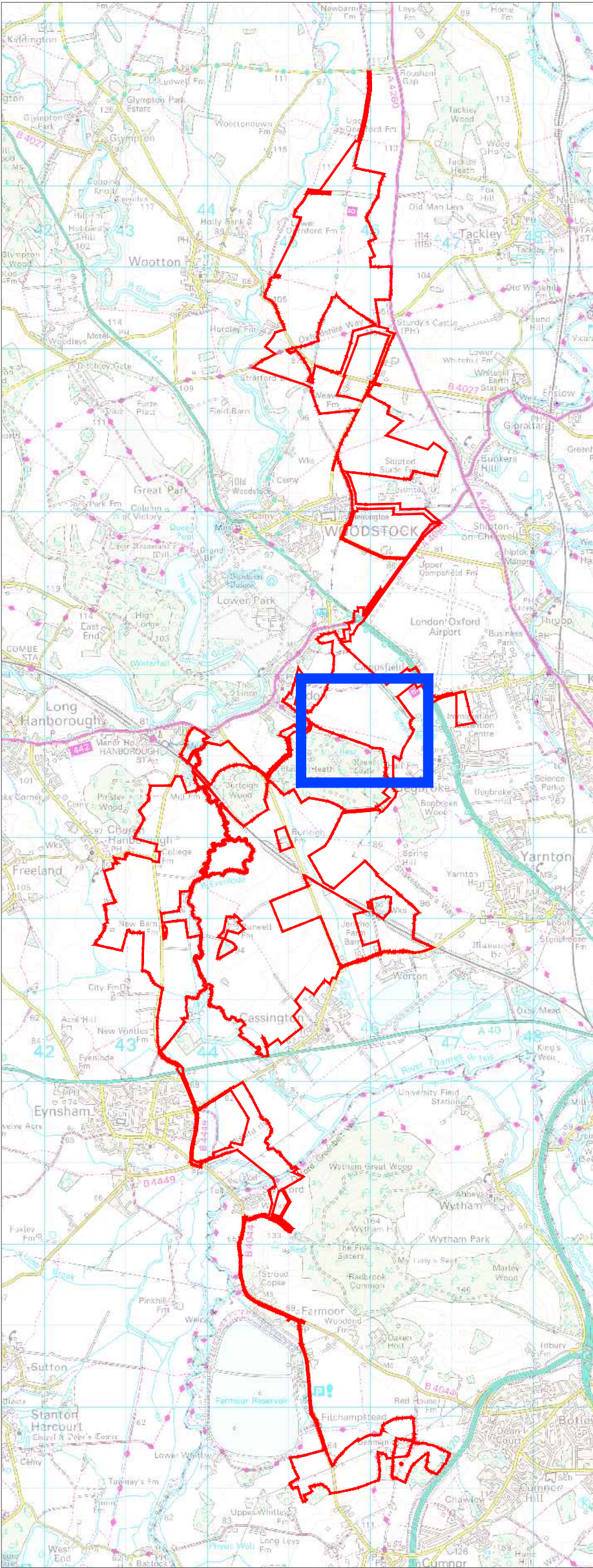
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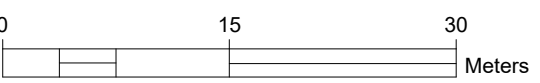
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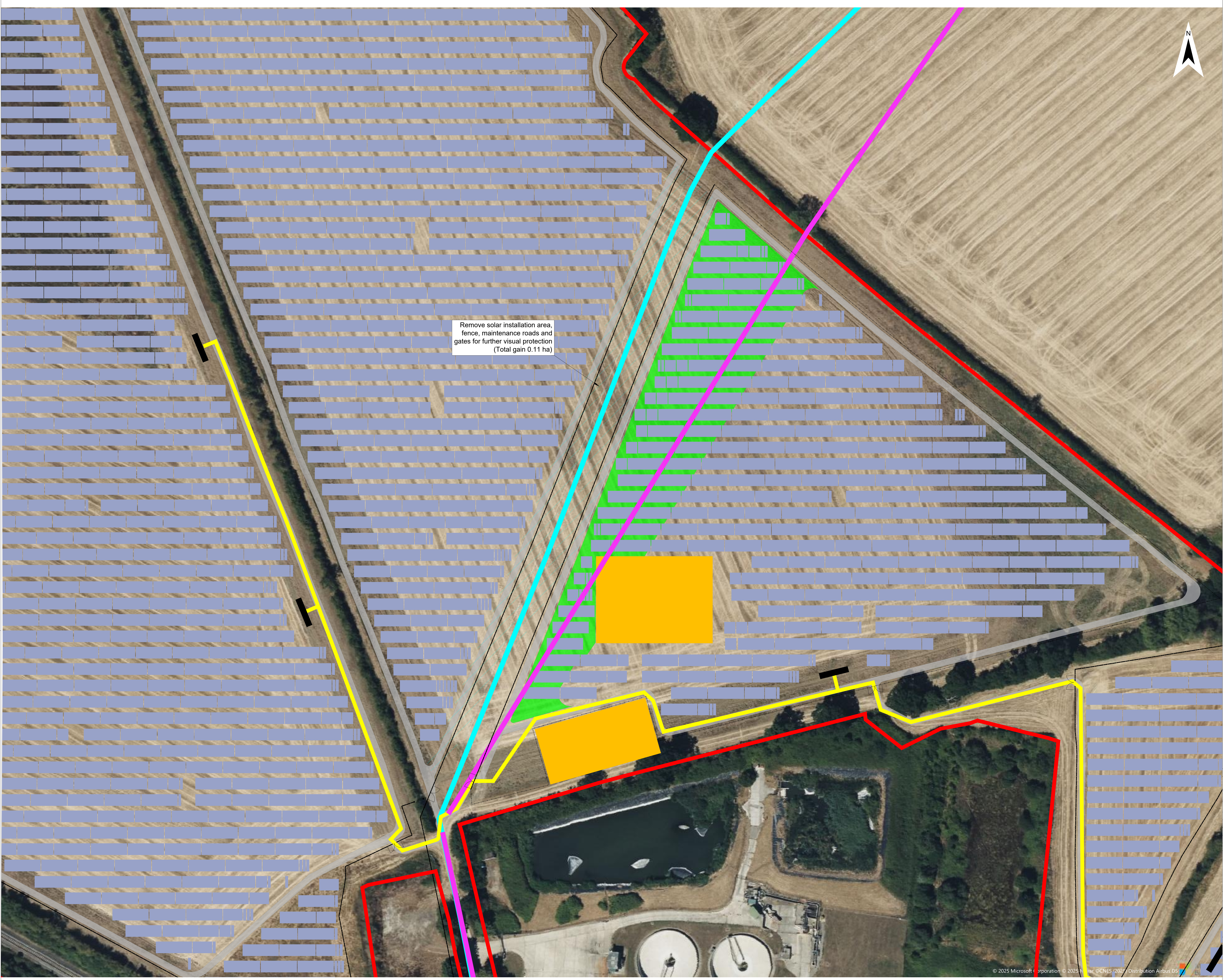
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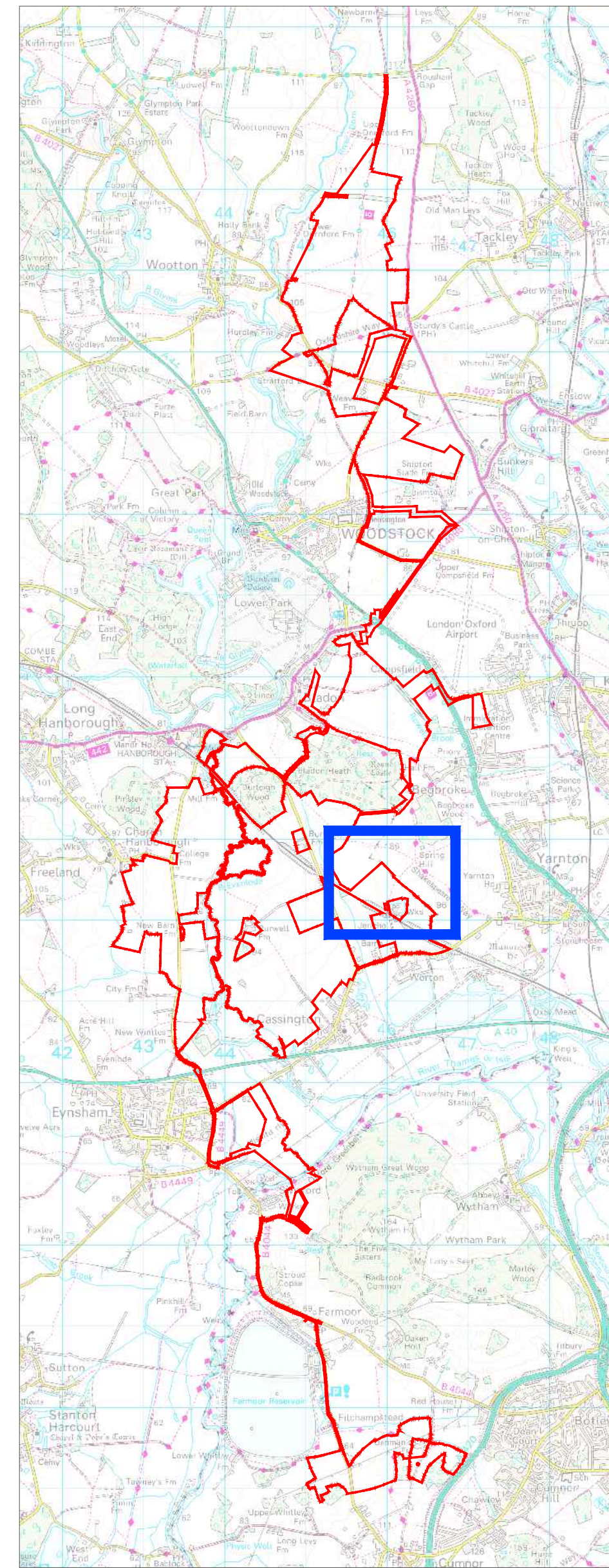
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